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Applicant: Heinz-Ulrich Diestelhorst et al.

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For: DEVICE FOR STORING DISC-SHAPED DATA CARRIERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

1 3. (Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, characterized in
2 that the coupling member (14) comprises an insertable portion (22) provided with an
3 approximately part circular-like cut-out (26) which, in the inserted state, fills up the
4 space between the slot opening (16) and the circular reception space for the data
5 storage medium (12) in the flat housing (10) at least in part, preferably substantially in
6 full.

(Please amend claim 4 as follows:)

1 4. (Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, characterized in
2 that at least one of the narrow sides (28) of the flat housing (10) adjacent to the slot